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## CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT

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Mr. Robert Steele  
Operator/Owner  
1055 North 400 East  
Nephi, Utah 84648

Dear Mr. Steele:

Re: Notice of Intention to Conduct Small Mining Operations, Gardner Canyon  
Gypsum Mine, S/023/015, Juab County, Utah

Thank you for your recent resubmission of the disturbed area map associated with the Gardner Canyon gypsum mine site. The Division has reevaluated the disturbed area on your latest map and calculated the following acreage figures:

|                              |   |                   |
|------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Mine and yard area           | = | 2.8 acres         |
| Road from USFS Boundary      | = | 2.00 acres        |
| Access road on mine property | = | .16 acres         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | = | <b>4.96 acres</b> |

Based on these figures and your recent indication that you intend to mine only a few hundred tons of gypsum a year, the Division hereby accepts your request to categorize the Gardner Canyon permit application as a Small Mine Notice of Intention. In any future correspondence regarding the mine, please reference mine number S/023/015. Our acknowledgement and acceptance of a complete small mine application does not preclude you from addressing necessary permit requirements or conditions imposed by the USFS for access to or conduct of mining operations within the Mt. Nebo Wilderness Area.

If the operation expands to the point where it will exceed 5 acres of surface disturbance, you will be required to permit the Gardner Canyon gypsum mine as a Large Mining Operation. Please contact us well in advance of any mine plan

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expansion so that a large mining permit application can be prepared and processed in a timely fashion, thereby minimizing unnecessary delays or suspension of operations.

Enclosed is a copy of the Division's rules which govern your operation and reclamation of a small mining operation (SMO-1 and SMO-2). Thank you for your cooperation in finalizing this permitting action.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dianne", with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the top left of the name.

Dianne R. Nielson  
Director

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Enclosure  
cc: Jane Leeson, Wilderness Society of Utah  
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